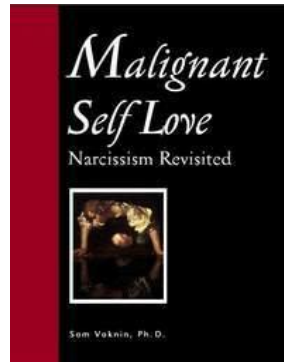


The Suffering of Being Kafka

New English and Hebrew Short Fiction

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I won the 1997 Maiden Prose Award of the Israeli Ministry of Education and Culture for "Requesting My Loved One".

I thought it was ironic: a prisoner, writing about an amoral world through his own disintegration - awarded the Ministry of Education and Culture.

"The Suffering of Being Kafka" is a new collection of short fiction. I cannot publish it in Israel because I had to leave it, exiled by my own profligacy.

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